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They don't seem to talk the same language

RE: The Wednesday occupation of Columbia University's Butler Library. (Google it if you don't know what happened.)

From the [Columbia Daily Spectator](#):

...*"Once again, Columbia has failed to protect students from antisemitic agitators running wild. Students should be able to study peacefully in the library of a school they pay tens of thousands of dollars to attend; instead, the school enables antisemites who antagonize students and make Jews on campus feel unsafe," Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, wrote in a statement to Spectator through a spokesperson. "Unacceptable. Columbia must protect students as the law requires."*...

Full story at:

<https://www.columbiaspectator.com/news/2025/05/08/rubio-says-state-department-will-review-visa-statutes-of-butler-library-protesters/>.

But from [Stand Columbia](#), an alumni group:

...*As the enforcement of the Rules of University Conduct and the operations of the University Judicial board are no longer under the ineffective supervision of the University Senate, we have every expectation that matters will move swiftly. As these charges include "serious" violations, the sanctions, per the Rules, could include suspensions, expulsions, and withholding or revocations of degrees.*

We commend Columbia University Public Safety for their swift and measured response in keeping students safe, and we thank the New York Police Department for their assistance in restoring order.

The differences between tonight and last year could not have been more stark:

The occupation was limited to one room in one building, rather than significantly disrupting the entire campus.

Rather than let the occupation fester and last, CU Public Safety immediately intervened. This whole episode was over within hours.

- *CU Public Safety devised a protocol to enforce identification, by not permitting masked disruptors to leave without showing identification.*
- *CU Public Safety's newly-empowered peace officers began making arrests themselves, and were backed up by the NYPD.*
- *When NYPD came, they limited their presence to Butler Library and entered and exited from the street.*

To Columbia's staff and leadership, well done everyone...

Full story at:

<https://standcolumbia.org/2025/05/07/issue-044-masked-protestors-invade-butler-301-are-swiftly-removed-and-arrested-and-will-be-held-accountable/>.

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Jason Sisney of the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) provides a partial preview of state revenue collection for the fiscal year through April in his blog. He focuses on income tax receipts. We should have a fuller picture in a few days when the state controller's report on the fiscal year through April comes out.



Sisney's preview continues the story of revenue exceeding projections, but fear of a potential downturn related to tariff wars and other uncertainties that are constraining the budget. His report is below (from an email):

In Total, April Income Taxes Beat Projections. *Preliminary tax agency data shows that California's personal and corporate income taxes, combined, generated \$23.4 billion of revenue in April, net of refunds. This exceeds the forecast for the month—included as part of the Governor's January 10 budget proposal—by \$488 million (2.1%).*

2025 Estimated Payments Lagged Projections. *2024 final return payments to the Franchise Tax Board (FTB)—related to 2024 economic activity (before the current federal administration took office)—generated the April gains. 2024 final return payments were \$1.6 billion (29%) above projections for the month. By contrast, most other income tax categories were weaker than projections, including the first quarterly estimated personal income tax payments of 2025, which were \$245 million (8%) under target.*

Some Los Angeles County Payments Will Come in October, Not April. *Considering that the January forecast assumed timely receipts from Los Angeles County filers, whose income tax deadlines were extended to October due to the wildfires, April totals can be viewed as fairly healthy. More Los Angeles taxes that ordinarily would have been received by FTB in April are likely to show up in October instead, presumably to be booked mostly to the 2024-25 fiscal year. Even with the Los Angeles County delay, total income taxes in April 2025 were \$2.7 billion (13.0%) more than received in April 2024, including withholding from employees' paychecks, which was \$410 million (5.3%) above April 2024 levels.*

2024-25 State Revenue Strength To Date. *For the 2024-25 fiscal year to date, California's income taxes are \$3.8 billion (3.0%) above projections as of the end of April. As of the end of March, income tax gains were offset by sales taxes running more than \$300 million below projections. The first few billion of added General Fund tax revenues in 2024-25 may be required to go to schools to pay down Proposition 98 "maintenance factor" due to last year's action to suspend schools' minimum funding guarantee. Other revenues—principally federal cost recoveries for prior years—were running above projections as of March, likely due to earlier-than-expected receipts of some of those funds.*

Recession Risk Now Significant. *Due to the new federal administration's various economic decisions, recession risk now is elevated. Weaker tax revenue growth in 2025-26 appears quite possible, if not likely. Coupled with cost increases being reported by state departments, this probably will increase projected state deficits significantly beginning in 2025-26. Big augmentations of the state budget above levels proposed in the Governor's January budget plan appear unlikely. State budget cuts, funding delays, borrowing, and other budget-balancing measures almost certainly will be required beginning in 2025. Federal budget actions in the coming months are expected to worsen existing state budget deficits, such that state backfills of federal cuts generally will not be feasible.*

May Revision Imminent. *Pursuant to state law, the Governor must submit the annual May Revision of his proposed budget to the Legislature on or before Wednesday, May 14. New revenue and spending projections and updated proposals to balance the 2025-26 budget are expected.*

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Regents' Mask Addendum

Yesterday, we posted the Regents preliminary agenda. There has been a change in the rules regarding mask wearing that appears to be new for the upcoming meeting.

According to the Internet Archive Wayback Machine, a no-mask covering requirement was added to the Regents' public comments and attendance regulations some time after the March meetings. The March 29, 2025 version of public comment guidelines captured by the Wayback Machine added the statement below:



In-person attendance requirements

The wearing of masks or any face covering in the meeting room is prohibited, except that an attendee may wear a single, transparent mask provided at the meeting entrance. Individuals wearing non-transparent masks or face coverings may view the meeting from the designated Overflow Room. Individuals wearing non-transparent masks or face coverings who wish to deliver public comment must do so by phone from the designated Overflow Room.*

**The mask provided at the meeting entrance must be worn in the manner intended by the manufacturer.*

The previous version captured on Feb. 9, 2025 had a different message:

In-person attendance requirements

Meeting attendees must follow COVID-related protocols, per campus guidelines. Masking is strongly recommended. Safety requirements vary by campus and are subject to change. Please see the appropriate meeting agenda for specific requirements.

The source of the current version is <https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/public-comment.html>. Copying that link into the Wayback Machine will provide prior versions. (The Wayback Machine shows the internet at earlier dates and can be accessed at:

<https://web.archive.org/>.

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Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Preliminary Regents Agenda: May 13-15, 2025



The Regents will have a 3-day meeting May 13-15, 2025 at UC-San Francisco. Below is the agenda with some notes about particular items:

May 13-15, 2025 UC-San Francisco

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Tuesday, May 13, 2025

10:30 am **Investments Committee**
(open session - includes public comment session)

Agenda – Open Session

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 18, 2025

I1 Discussion: Review of Performance for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024–25 of UC Pension, Endowment, Blue and Gold Pool, Working Capital, and Retirement Savings

I2 Discussion: Navigating Uncertainty in the Markets

NOTE: It will be interesting to see what is said about dealing with recent volatility related to the Trump tariffs and other developments.

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1:00 pm **Special Committee on Athletics** (open session)

Agenda – Open Session

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 13, 2024

S1 Discussion: Student-Athlete Insights and Perspectives: UC Berkeley and UC Riverside

NOTE: Berkeley is receiving a subsidy from UCLA as a result - though a chain of events - of a gubernatorial intervention.

S2 Discussion: Campus Athletics Overview: UCLA and UC Santa Cruz

NOTE: UCLA is paying a subsidy to Berkeley as a result - through a chain of events - of a gubernatorial intervention.

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2:30 pm **Health Services Committee** (open session)

Agenda – Open Session

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 18, 2025 the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Health Services Committee and the Governance Committee of March 19, 2025

H1 Discussion: UC Health Strategic Plan

H2 Discussion: The 340B Program at UC Health

NOTE: The 340B plan provides a federal subsidy to UC Health for low income Medicare and Medi-Cal (Medicaid) patients. Unclear if this funding is under threat.

H3 Discussion: Medi-Cal Landscape Overview

NOTE: There have been reports of planned cuts to Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) funding.

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Upon end of open session:

Health Services Committee (closed session)

Agenda – Closed Session

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 18, 2025 and the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Health Services Committee and the Finance and Capital Strategies Committee of March 20, 2025

H4(X) Discussion: UC Health Litigation Update

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Wednesday, May 14, 2025

8:30 am **Board** (open session - includes public comment session)

Agenda – Open Session

Public Comment Period (30 minutes)

Remarks of the Chair of the Board

Remarks of the President of the University

NOTE: Presumably, this will be the last meeting for UC president Drake.

Remarks of the Chair of the Academic Senate

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9:30 am **Board** (closed session)

Agenda – Closed Session

B1(X) Discussion: Research and Programs Funding Legal Issues

B2(X) Action: UC Riverside Health Clinical Enterprise Development Plan: Phase 1 Funding, Riverside Campus

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1:30 pm **Governance Committee** (closed session)

Agenda – Closed Session

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 19, 2025

G1(X) Discussion: Collective Bargaining Matters

NOTE: Undoubtedly, recent strikes at UC will be discussed.

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Upon end of closed session:

Governance Committee (open session)

Agenda – Open Session

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 19, 2025

Alternative Housing Arrangements for Chancellor, Davis Campus

Alternative Housing Arrangements for Chancellor, Santa Barbara Campus

Amendment of the Charters of the Health Services Committee and the Compliance and Audit Committee

Amendment of Regents Policy 4105: Policy on Settlement of Litigation, Claims, and Separation Agreements

NOTE: The policy, which is revised from time to time, sets dollar amounts for delegation of approval of such agreements to the UC president and general counsel and reporting requirements to the Regents. Included are settlements under which tenured faculty are in effect terminated by a negotiated settlement. It is unclear whether a significant change in policy is being considered or whether the dollar amounts are being adjusted for inflation.

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3:00 pm **Compliance and Audit Committee** (open session)

Agenda – Open Session

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 22, 2025

C1 Action: External Audit Plan for the Year Ending June 30, 2025

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Concurrent Meetings

3:25 pm **Finance and Capital Strategies Committee** (open session)

Agenda – Open Session

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 19, 2025

Consent Agenda:

F1A Action: Consent Item: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Bond Issuances

F1B Action: Consent Item: Adoption of Expenditure Rate for the General Endowment Pool

F1C Action: Consent Item: Adoption of Endowment Administration Cost Recovery Rate

F2 Action: UCLA Research Park East Core and Shell Improvements, Los Angeles Campus: Preliminary Plans Funding

NOTE: This item refers to UCLA's acquisition of the Westside Pavilion property from Google.

F3 Action: Facilities Renewal and Improvements, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources: Amendment of Budget, Scope, and External Financing

F4 Discussion: The Governor's May Revision to the 2025-26 Budget and Update from the Systemwide Budget Management Workgroup

NOTE: As indicated, whatever the governor's May Revision has as a proposal for UC funding will be up for discussion. There was pushback from UC about the governor's January budget proposal. Whether that pushback has resulted in a change in the proposal or will produce some deviation from the proposal by the legislature remains to be seen.

F5 Action: Revision to Requirement on Undergraduate Nonresident Supplemental Tuition Return-to-Aid

F6 Action: University of California Retirement Plan – Amendment of a Previously Approved Action: Authorization to Maintain the Current University Employer Contribution Rate for 2025-26 and to No Longer Transfer \$700 Million from the Short Term Investment Pool in 2025-26

NOTE: These changes appear to be negatives for UC pension funding.

F7 Action: Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget for the University of California Office of the President

F8 Information: East Campus Student Apartments Phase 5, Irvine Campus

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Upon end of open session:

Finance and Capital Strategies Committee (closed session)

Agenda – Closed Session

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 13, 2024 and the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Health Services Committee and the Finance and Capital Strategies Committee of March 20, 2025

F9(X) Action: Agriculture Research and Extension Facility, Davis Campus: Gift of Real Property Closed Session Statute Citation: Acquisition or disposition of property

F10(X) 2 Action: Real Property, San Francisco Campus: Acquisition and External Financing Closed Session Statute Citation: Acquisition or disposition of property

F11(X) Discussion: University of California Retirement Plan – Amendment to Allow Extra Shift Incentive Pay as Covered Compensation for Specific Period

NOTE: Unclear what this change entails. Usually, UC has avoided including irregular payments in the pension calculation to prevent pension "spiking."

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Upon end of closed session:

Finance and Capital Strategies Committee (open session) (pdf)

Agenda – Open Session

F11 Action: University of California Retirement Plan – Amendment to Allow Extra Shift Incentive Pay as Covered Compensation for Specific Period

NOTE: See note for F11(X).

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3:25 pm **Academic and Student Affairs Committee** (open session) (pdf)

Agenda – Open Session

Action Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 19, 2025

A1 Action: Approval of New Multi-Year Plans for Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition for Ten Graduate Professional Degree Programs

A2 Discussion: Quantum Information Science: A Key Priority for UC and the State of California

A3 Discussion: Update on Faculty Discipline and Dismissal Policies and Procedures: Joint Senate-Administration Workgroup Recommendations

NOTE: Likely to be a sensitive topic.

A4 Discussion: BOARS Update on Engagement with California K–12

NOTE: There could be mention of the recent rejection by UC of an ethnic studies requirement for high school students.

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Upon end of open session:

Academic and Student Affairs Committee (closed session) (pdf)

Agenda – Closed Session

Action Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of May 15, 2024 and March 19, 2025

A5X Action: Appointment of Regents' Professor, School of Law, Los Angeles Campus

A6X Action: Appointment of University Professor, Berkeley Campus

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Thursday, May 15, 2025

8:30 am **Board** (open session - includes public comment session) (pdf)

Agenda – Open Session

Public Comment Period (30 minutes)

Approval of the Minutes of the Meetings of March 19 and 20, 2025

Remarks from Student Associations

B3 Discussion: UC Inspires: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

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10:40 am **Board** (closed session) (pdf)

Agenda – Closed Session

B4(X) Action: Dismissal of Faculty Member, Berkeley Campus

NOTE: No, I don't know who this is.

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Noon - **Compliance and Audit Committee** (closed session) (pdf)

Agenda – Closed Session

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 20, 2025

C2(X) Action: Recommended Settlements for Board Action (series of medical & whistleblower cases)

C3(X) Discussion: Appellate, Trial Court Developments and Updates (*Includes the UCLA Heaps sexual abuse cases, dismissal of cases related to DEI statements which are now no longer required, and cases related to last year's protests. The Gordon Klein case, which goes back to the George Floyd unrest of 2020 at UCLA, is not listed, although as far as yours truly knows, it is still in progress.*)

C4(X) Information: Settlements and Separation Agreements under Delegated Authority Reported from February 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025

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1:00 pm **Board** (closed session) (pdf)

Agenda – Closed Session

Action: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 19-20, 2025

Committee Reports Including Approval of Recommendations from Committees:

-Academic and Student Affairs Committee

-Compliance and Audit Committee

-Finance Committee

-Governance Committee

- Health Services Committee
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 - Personnel Matters
 - Report of Interim, Concurrence, and Committee Actions
 - Report of Materials Mailed Between Meetings
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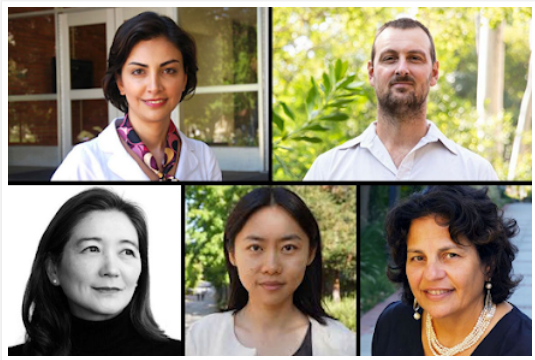
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Five Guggenheim Fellows at UCLA



UCLA's 2025 Guggenheim Fellows are (clockwise from top left): Mona Jarrahi, Park Williams, Carolina Lithgow-Bertelloni, Jingyi Jessica Li and Suk-Young Kim. Credit: UCLA

Eleven UC faculty have been awarded 2025 Guggenheim fellowships, a prestigious honor granted to distinguished artists and scholars that provides support for their creative and research endeavors. Five are from UCLA:

Mona Jarrahi, engineering: Jarrahi, who holds the Northrop Grumman Chair in Electrical Engineering, focuses on the development and application of novel electromagnetic techniques. As director of the Terahertz Electronics Laboratory at UCLA, she studies ultrafast electronic and optoelectronic devices with a focus on expanding the capabilities of terahertz sensing, imaging and communication systems for applications in a variety of areas, ranging from atmospheric research and biological analysis to medical imaging. Jarrahi is also a member of the California NanoSystems Institute at UCLA.

Jingyi Jessica Li, data science: An interdisciplinary expert in statistics and genomics and professor of biostatistics at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, Li focuses on developing statistical and computational tools to answer biological and biomedical questions, including reducing false positives in the analysis of large RNA sequencing data sets. Her research aims to provide more reliable information about genetics and cell biology, with significant potential positive impacts in the prevention and treatment of disease. Li is also a faculty member in the interdepartmental doctoral program in bioinformatics and leads the Junction of Statistics and Biology, a research group focused on bridging methodological innovation with impactful biomedical applications.

Suk-Young Kim, theatre arts & performance studies: Professor and head of theater and performance studies at the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television, Kim's research interests cover a wide range of disciplines, from East Asian performance and visual culture to Russian and Slavic literature and folklore. Her work focuses primarily on body politics, transmedia, the entertainment industry and the historical roots of today's popular culture. She is the author of several books on Korean pop music and television and is a sought-after media commentator on Korean politics, culture and media.

Carolina Lithgow-Bertelloni, Earth science: Lithgow-Bertelloni, who holds UCLA's Louis B. and Martha B. Slichter Chair in Geosciences, studies the connections between Earth's surface processes and the subsurface forces that drive and shape them. As the leader of the KGB Lab, her recent work has reexamined the strength of Earth's mantle and explored the ways in which the mantle's fluid dynamics and thermodynamics may have influenced the planet's thermal and biological evolution. She has developed and applied techniques of particle image velocimetry and thermometry to visualize vigorous flow in very viscous fluids, aiding our understanding of Hawaiian volcanoes.

Park Williams, climate studies: Williams, who holds a joint appointment in the UCLA Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, is a hydroclimatologist who uses statistical analyses of climate data, reconstructions of past ecosystem behavior and a detailed understanding of plant ecology to study the impacts of climate on Earth's water and land systems. His research aims to improve our understanding of how climate change influences the hydrological cycle and ecological dynamics and how extremes like drought, floods, heat waves and wildfires affect life on the planet. Williams, who runs the HyFives research lab at UCLA, was awarded a MacArthur "genius" grant in 2023.

Full release at <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/11-uc-faculty-honored-2025-guggenheim-fellowships>.

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

James B. Milliken, new UC President - Part 2



As promised in our previous post on the selection of James B. Milliken as the new UC president, we have now preserved the recording of the May 2 session of the Regents where he was appointed at:

https://archive.org/details/board_202505.

The official announcement:

The University of California Board of Regents... approved the appointment of James B. Milliken as the 22nd president of UC's world-renowned system of 10 campuses, six academic health centers, and three nationally affiliated laboratories.

A seasoned higher education leader, Milliken has been serving as the chancellor of the University of Texas (UT) system since 2018. His distinguished career also includes serving as chancellor of The City University of New York (CUNY) from 2014 to 2018, president of the University of Nebraska from 2004 to 2014, and senior vice president at the University of North Carolina from 1998 to 2004.

"The University of California is universally regarded as the preeminent public research university in the world, and I am deeply honored to have an opportunity to join the many talented faculty, staff, and campus leaders in their vital work. It is more important than ever that we expand the education, research, health care, and public service for which UC is so widely admired and which has benefited so many Californians," said Milliken.

Guided by his commitment to expanding opportunity and student success, Milliken has been a leader in expanding access to higher education for low-income students. At UT, he led a bold initiative to cover the full cost of tuition and fees for qualifying students whose families have incomes under \$100,000. Milliken's leadership at UT also includes record-setting enrollment levels, low college debt, and almost \$5 billion in annual research expenditures, ranking second in the nation. The UT system's health enterprise, with seven medical schools, is one of the largest health care providers in the nation.

"Chancellor Milliken embodies the qualities and leadership experiences the University of California community needs at this moment," said Janet Reilly, chair of the UC Board of Regents. "He understands how critical UC's contributions are to the state and the country, and he has decades of experience leading public institutions during times of unprecedented change in higher education. Chancellor Milliken is simply the right person for UC at just the right time."

Source: <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/press-room/james-b-milliken-named-22nd-president-university-of-california>.

From the [NY Times](#):

*The University of California system announced on Friday that its new president would be James B. Milliken, a longtime public university leader who currently serves at the University of Texas system and previously ran the City University of New York and the University of Nebraska. **At a fraught time in higher education, Mr. Milliken, 68, is regarded as an experienced and relatively safe choice to lead the nation's most prestigious public university system.** Mr. Milliken, known as JB, will take over the system of nearly 300,000 students at a time when the Trump administration is targeting the nation's elite universities — and has the U.C. system in its cross hairs. All 10 University of California campuses are under investigation by the administration for various reasons, including admissions practices and allegations of antisemitism.*

(Milliken) was known for improving graduation rates at CUNY even as state funding cuts led to deteriorating facilities. He oversaw the opening of the CUNY School of Medicine, which focused on New York's underserved communities. When he announced he was stepping down in 2017, he was being treated for throat cancer. He remained on the faculty at CUNY before joining the University of Texas system as chancellor in 2018.

...At U.T., Mr. Milliken was known for championing an effort to provide free tuition to students whose families' incomes were below \$100,000. He also oversaw the implementation of a state law abolishing diversity, equity and inclusion offices, testifying to the Texas Legislature that 21 offices in the system had been shut down and that 311 positions had been eliminated.

...Mr. Milliken was born in Fremont, Neb., and obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska in 1979 and a law degree from New York University in 1983. Before joining academia, he practiced law in New York with the Legal Aid Society and, later, with the firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft.

His selection follows the decision by Michael V. Drake to step down from the job in July. **Mr. Milliken will assume the University of California's leadership on Aug. 1 at a salary of \$1,475,000.**

Full story at <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/02/us/university-of-california-president.html>.

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No NIL?



Although NIL payments to student-athletes seem to have become engrained in contemporary college sports, apparently President Trump doesn't like them. From the [NY Times](#):

President Trump is considering an executive order to examine payments made to college athletes and whether they have created an unfair system, two people briefed on

the matter said [last] Friday. Mr. Trump's focus on the issue — which he's talked about in the past, one of the people briefed on the matter noted — was renewed after he spoke with Nick Saban, the famed former University of Alabama football coach, backstage at an event Thursday night in Tuscaloosa, where Mr. Trump delivered an address to graduates... [A possible] executive order would address newly expanded opportunities for student-athletes to monetize their athletic careers. Last year, the N.C.A.A., the organization that governs much of college sports, agreed to settle a class-action antitrust lawsuit that had accused it and its member schools of exploiting student-athletes while hoarding the profits of the lucrative college sports industry.

The \$2.8 billion settlement, which is nearing approval, created a revenue-sharing plan for college athletics in which schools would start directly paying their athletes, a major shake-up of the college sports landscape. The N.C.A.A. has already removed restrictions on athletes monetizing their athletic careers through endorsements and sponsorships — known as "name, image and likeness" payments... Mr. Saban, while coaching the Alabama Crimson Tide football team, criticized the payments, saying that the system favored wealthy college sports programs that could afford to offer better compensation to the best players...

Full story at <https://www.nytimes.com/live/2025/05/02/us/trump-news#trump-college-athlete-payments>.

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